

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 67**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Davis**

April 28, 2009

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 67—Relative to Black Music Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 67, as introduced, Davis. Black Music Month.

This measure would recognize the significance of African American and other black music to global culture, and the positive impact of this art form on global commerce; would designate the month of June as Black Music Month throughout the State of California; and would call upon the people of the state to study, reflect on, and celebrate the majesty, vitality, and importance of African American and other black music.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Artists, songwriters, producers, engineers,  
2 educators, executives, and other professionals in the music industry  
3 provide inspiration and leadership through the creation of music,  
4 dissemination of educational information, and financial  
5 contributions to charitable and community-based organizations;  
6 and  
7 WHEREAS, African American genres of music such as gospel,  
8 blues, jazz, rhythm and blues, rap, and hip-hop are indigenous to  
9 the United States, and have their roots in the African American  
10 experience; and

1 WHEREAS, Black music, including African American music,  
2 has a pervasive influence on dance, fashion, language, art,  
3 literature, cinema, media, advertising, and other aspects of our  
4 culture; and

5 WHEREAS, The prominence of African American and other  
6 black music in the 20th century has renewed interest in the legacy  
7 and heritage of this art form; and

8 WHEREAS, Black music embodies the strong presence of, and  
9 significant contributions made by, African Americans in the music  
10 industry and society as a whole; and

11 WHEREAS, African American musicians have played a  
12 significant role in inspiring people across the generations with  
13 their vision and creativity by writing lyrics that speak to the human  
14 experience and express heartfelt emotion; and

15 WHEREAS, Black music has generated a multibillion dollar  
16 industry that contributes greatly to the domestic and worldwide  
17 economy; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1979, a meeting between then-President Jimmy  
19 Carter, Kenneth Gamble, the president of Philadelphia International  
20 Records and cofounder of the Black Music Association, and a  
21 delegation of 77 black music professionals, resulted in President  
22 Carter's designation of June as Black Music Month, and June has  
23 yearly been designated as National Black Music Month by all  
24 concurrent Presidents; and

25 WHEREAS, Black music has a broad appeal to diverse groups,  
26 both nationally and internationally; now, therefore, be it

27 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
28 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the significance  
29 of African American and other black music to global culture, and  
30 the positive impact of this art form on global commerce; and be it  
31 further

32 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby designates the month of  
33 June as Black Music Month throughout the State of California,  
34 and calls upon the people of the state to study, reflect on, and  
35 celebrate the majesty, vitality, and importance of African American  
36 and other black music; and be it further

37 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
38 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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